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RICHARDSON

REF: (A) CAIRO 6545 (NOTAL), (B) KUWAIT 2281,
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1. HAVE HAD NO RESPONSE TO REFTEL A AND HAVE BEEN
PLANNING FOR RICHARDSON PARTY TRANSIT OF CAIRO, MAY 1
AS INDICATED STATE 86862. IN LIGHT REFTELS B AND C,
HOWEVER, WE WONDER WHETHER RICHARDSON PARTY IS
STILL PLANNING TO DO SO OR NOT. IN THIS CONNECTION,
EMBASSY SOUGHT CONFIRMATION FROM AIR INDIA THAT
RICHARDSON PARTY BOOKED ON FLIGHT AI 122 DEPARTING
CAIRO 2345, MAY 1, BUT LOCAL AI OFFICE HAD NO
INFORMATION ON ANY SUCH RESERVATIONS. AT OUR REQUEST,
IT IS ATTEMPTING TO CONFIRM RESERVATIONS.

2. IF RICHARDSON PARTY STILL PLANS TRANSIT CAIRO,
ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR LOS OFFICER POL
COUNSELOR ARTHUR L. LOWRIE TO MEET PARTY AT
AIRPORT UPON ARRIVAL. THREE EMBASSY CARS WILL BE
AT GROUP'S DISPOSAL UNTIL DEPARTURE THAT NIGHT.
EMBASSY IS CLOSED ON SUNDAY, BUT OFFICE SPACE CAN BE
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MADE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE DESIRING IT.

3. AMBASSADOR REITERATES INVITATION THAT AMBASSADOR
RICHARDSON USE RESIDENCE DURING HIS STAY HERE.

4. AS MATTER OF COURTESY, POL COUNSELOR MENTIONED
TO DIRECTOR MFA LEGAL DEPARTMENT, NABIL ARABY, THAT

RICHARDSON PARTY WOULD BE TRANSITING CAIRO ON MAY 1, BUT HAD NO PLANS TO CONDUCT ANY OFFICIAL BUSINESS DURING SHORT STOPOVER. ARABY SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON AND GROUP FOR INFORMAL LUNCH WITH OTHER GOE OFFICIALS WORKING ON LOS MATTERS IF THIS IS AGREEABLE.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION WHETHER RICHARDSON PARTY STILL PLANNING TRANSIT CAIRO ON MAY 1 AS INITIALLY INDICATED AND, IF SO, AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S WISHES ON VARIOUS POINTS MENTIONED ABOVE.
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